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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

FLORIDA.

Births and Deaths—Model Ordinance for Cities Prepared by State Board of Health.

The State Board of Health of Florida has prepared the following draft of an ordinance, which is intended for adoption by Florida municipalities. In a circular dated September 19, 1914, the board says that this ordinance "has been passed, in some cases with unimportant alterations, by a majority of the registration cities of 2,000 population and over [in Florida] which did not already have adequate requirements to insure complete reports of births and deaths."

Be it ordained by the mayor and ——— council of the ——— of ——— Florida: SECTION 1. That the ——— clerk shall be local registrar of vital statistics, and it shall be his duty to supply to all physicians, midwives, undertakers, and others requiring them for use, blank certificates for the registration of births and deaths, which shall be of the standard form approved by the State board of health, and to receive, and make copies of such certificates, and transmit the originals to the State board of health on the 10th day of each month, and to issue burial, removal, or other permits upon the receipt of complete, satisfactory, and properly executed certificates of death; and no dead body of a human being whose death occurs, or whose body is found, in this ——— shall be interred, otherwise disposed of, removed from the ———, or held more than 72 hours after death, without a burial, removal, or other permit issued by the ——— clerk in advance of such interment, other disposition, or removal.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the undertaker or person acting as such to obtain the certificate of death, have it filled out with respect to the personal particulars, present it to the attending physician for the medical certificate of cause of death, and obtain the burial, removal, or other permit from the ——— clerk: *Provided*, That when there was no attending physician, the certificate shall be referred to the health officer or coroner for statement of cause of death.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the physician, midwife, or person acting as midwife, attending a case of confinement in this ——— to file a complete, satisfactory, and properly executed certificate of birth with the ——— clerk within three days thereafter: *Provided*, That when there was no physician or midwife in attendance, then it shall be the duty of the parent, householder, or owner of the premises where the birth occurred to file such certificate.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the ——— clerk to enforce this ordinance and to report to the ——— attorney all violations thereof, and it shall be the duty of the ——— attorney, upon notice from the ——— clerk or any other person of a violation of this ordinance, to promptly investigate the case and institute the necessary legal proceedings for the imposition of the penalties herein provided.

SEC. 5. That any physician, midwife, undertaker, or other person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions or duties of this ordinance, or any section thereof, shall upon trial and conviction thereof.....